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**James J. Montesano, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Earlier today, Governor Cuomo announced that he will be extending school closures for an additional two weeks, **until April 15, as well as the waiver of the 180-day mandate through this time.** During this next period of closure the School District will continue to provide home learning activities along with access to the Child Nutrition Program at Nyack Center and Waldron Terrace.

In anticipation of today's announcement by the Governor, our staff and administration have revised the Educational Continuity Plan. A Remote Learning Guide for Parents will be sent to you early next week. I ask that you review this document when it is received, as it will provide important information on a broad range of areas concerning your child's educational program. Our staff and administration have been working hard to adjust our teaching practices from traditional methods to a very new and untried virtual platform. We deeply appreciate the high level of professionalism displayed by our staff to deliver quality instruction in a difficult environment. Our District's investments in technology, professional development and technology-infused instruction has placed us in an advantageous position to carry out this new model of schooling. We ask for your patience as we confront this incredibly challenging task. There will undoubtedly be missteps and unintended outcomes, however, we are confident with all of us working together, our students will continue to achieve academically.

All of us in our schools are greatly appreciative of the support and cooperation by our parents and your children. Please continue to communicate with us regarding your questions and concerns.

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. Stay positive as our collective strength will carry us through this health crisis.

Sincerely,

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